

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28) spent the day discussing health care with groups across Western New York, including the Doris Jones Resource Center, which provides medical services to patients regardless of whether or not they have insurance.

This stop is part of Slaughter's ongoing efforts to listen to constituents and stakeholders in all parts of her district on health care issues before Congress returns to session in the fall to debate reform legislation. Today's visit to the Doris Jones Resource Center highlights the need to increase coverage to all citizens ensuring that every American has access to high-quality, low-cost care.

"When Western New Yorkers need medical assistance and don't have insurance they know they can come to the Doris Jones Resource Center, but this shouldn't be their only option," said Slaughter. "The work being done by the doctors and nurses here taking care of everyone regardless of if they have insurance is truly an inspiration but we as a nation can do better. Every Western New Yorker and every American should have access to high-quality, affordable care."

Touring the Doris Jones Resource Center, part of Mount St. Mary's hospital in Lewiston, Slaughter spoke with health care professionals and patients about the need to include the nation's 47 million uninsured citizens in the health care system.

The Doris Jones Resource Center provides critical access to primary care for the uninsured and underinsured in Niagara Falls. They handle 9,000 visits annually with more than 70% of cases from low-income individuals. The Doris Jones Resource Center treats all individuals regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

This stop follows a press conference Slaughter held yesterday in Washington with insurance company whistleblower Wendell Potter who highlighted the need for a public option.

In February, Slaughter secured \$300,000 in funding for Mount St. Mary's Hospital which operates the Doris Jones Resource Center. Mount St. Mary's Breast Health Center will use the funds to purchase new diagnostic equipment allowing women of Niagara County to now have

access to digital mammography.